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## Wisconsin Disability Policy Fellowship Application Packet



# Become A Leader in Disability Policy in Wisconsin

**Application deadline July 22nd, 2024**



The Wisconsin Disability Policy Fellowship is a one-year, paid full-time integrated experience designed to develop future leaders in disability policy. Fellows will work within key Wisconsin policy divisions, state agencies offices, or disability organizations.

The fellowship focuses on understanding how laws are developed, how program policies are created, and how public policy impacts people's lives, and particularly in areas impacting people using the long-term care system in Wisconsin. This is a project funded through a grant from the Inclusive Foundation.

BPDD is committed to encouraging a wide group of applicants to participate in the Wisconsin Disability Public Policy Leadership Fellowship. If you require any accommodations to complete your application or to participate in the fellowship, please let us know. We are here to provide the support you need to succeed.

## **Who can apply?**

### Required to Apply

- Identify as a person with a developmental disability or a family member of a person with a developmental disability.
- Demonstrated commitment to disability advocacy and policy.
- Previous involvement in state or local level advocacy with a focus on long-term care, employment, education, community organizing, or related fields.
- Strong communication skills and ability to work as a team and get along with others.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a fast-paced environment. Proven problem-solving and critical thinking abilities.

### Preferred to Apply

- Experience working with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Knowledge of Wisconsin's legislative and state programs.
- Knowledge of Wisconsin's long-term care system.
- Previous experience in a leadership role in a volunteer or paid position.



## ***What are the activities of the Fellowship?***

- Participate in orientation and public policy training.
- Engage in legislative and state programs processes to identify, develop, and advocate for disability-related policies.
- Build and maintain relationships with policymakers, state agencies, and advocacy organizations.
- Attend and contribute to events, workshops, and networking opportunities inside and outside the agency.
- Receive coaching and mentoring from experienced disability policy professionals.
- Work on plain language resources for the individual agency or organization. Provide help and support to people with disabilities interacting with the agency or organization.
- Complete a change agent project at the placement organization

"The Wisconsin Disability Public Policy Leadership Program is an exciting opportunity for BPDD to develop new leaders in disability policy. We are thrilled to support passionate individuals who will drive positive change and advocate for the rights of people with disabilities in Wisconsin"

-Beth Swedeon  
BPDD Executive Director



## ***Who are the possible placement agencies?***

- Department of Health Services-Division of Medicaid Services-Long Term Care
- Department of Health Services Division of Quality Assurance
- Department of Health Services Children's Long-Term Waiver
- Department of Health Services Adult Protective Services
- Department of Workforce Development-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Department of Public Instruction-Transition Services
- Department of Justice-Medicaid Fraud
- Department of Transportation- Division of Budget and Strategies
- Governor's Office

## ***What are the benefits of the program?***

- Annual stipend \$63,000
- Technology stipend
- Transportation stipend
- Health insurance stipend

**Submit your application by July 22nd, 2024**

Email (preferred) to [sally.flaschberger@wisconsin.gov](mailto:sally.flaschberger@wisconsin.gov)

Mail to:

Atten: Sally Flaschberger

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If you have questions or need assistance with the application, please contact Sally Flaschberger at [Sally.flaschberger](mailto:Sally.flaschberger) or 608-266-5038

**Name:**

**Address:**

**City/State**

**Zip:**

**E-mail:**

**Phone:**

**I am a family member of a person with a developmental disability.**

**I am a person with a developmental disability.**

**Resume-Please send/upload your current resume.**

**Letters of Recommendation-Please send/upload 2 letters of recommendation**

**Please answer the following questions.** Feel free to attach additional sheets of paper if necessary.

1.Explain how your background and experiences make you a good candidate for this fellowship?

2. Describe a time when you successfully advocated for a policy change or improvement.

3. What do you believe are the most pressing issues currently facing individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Wisconsin?

4. What are short and long-term goals related to employment in disability policy?